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SCSO to Introduce First Permanent Drug Collection Bin in Shelby County

On **Wednesday, September 4, 2013**, at 10:30 am, the **Shelby County Sheriff's Office**, in partnership with **Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation**, will introduce a new permanent collection bin located at **11670 Memphis-Arlington Road**. This will be available for Shelby County residents to properly dispose of used or unwanted medications.

This will bring the number of permanent collection bins statewide to **40** with this being the first one in Shelby County.

This permanent bin offers a safe and easy way to dispose of unwanted medication, while creating opportunities for residents to promote environmental protection and a safer community. National statistics suggest that nearly **90 percent** of Americans improperly dispose of outdated or unwanted prescriptions and over-the-counter drugs.

This effort by the **Shelby County Sheriff's Office** is serving a need to keep the environment safe of those unwanted medications and prescription drugs. It's also our way to educate the general public about the potential for abuse of medications. With this new drop-box, citizens will be provided a way of disposing of these drugs.

The Shelby County Sheriff's Office will also continue to work annually with the DEA's National Prescription Drug Take-Back events. The media is invited to attend.